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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, PINT, AS (MALCOLM FRASER)

SUBJECT: FRASER VISIT

REF: CANBERRA 2740

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ZURHELLEN

1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT FRASER SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH LEVEL RECEPTION, AND EA WILL SEEK AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH THE SECRETARY. APPOINTMENTS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS MIGHT BE FEASIBLE IF FRASER IS INTERESTED. HOWEVER,WE CANNOT FIX ANY OF THESE APPOINTMENTS UNTIL WE KNOW THE PRECISE DATES FRASER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE POLICY IS THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT RECEIVE OPPOSITION LEADERS, EVEN FROM CLOSE ALLIES. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONS IN THE PAST, WE BELIEVE THIS POLICY IS GENERALLY WELL ESTABLISHED. PRESIDENTFORD DID NOT RECEIVE BILLY SNEDDEN, AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT AN EXCEPTION WOULD BE MADE FOR FRASER.MOREOVER, PRESIDENT NIXON DID NOT SEE WHITLAM DURING HIS 1970 AND 1972
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VISITS AS OPPOSITION LEADER. KISSINGER

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